

Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: SB 960 Only impacts on Original or Engrossed Versions are Considered Official

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SUMMARY

Establishes investigatory procedures for reports of suspected sexual conduct. Directs Department of Education to conduct investigations of sexual conduct. Requires department to establish sexual conduct registry and education providers to check registry.

Requires education provider to take necessary actions to ensure student's safety during investigation.

Prescribes notification duties of Department of Education and Department of Human Services related to reports of suspected abuse and sexual conduct.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure exempts from public disclosure documents and materials used by the Department of Education in the investigation of sexual conduct by a school employee and the resulting investigative report prepared by the department. This measure also exempts from public disclosure information received by the department from the Department of Human Services in notifying the Department of Education of a report alleging that a child may have been subject to abuse by a school employee who is not the parent of the child. Finally, the measure removes the mandate for education providers to make public the disciplinary records of school employees that have been convicted of certain crimes and to redact certain personally identifiable information of others prior to releasing the disciplinary records.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could gain additional information related to child abuse and sexual conduct reports and investigations and the disciplinary records of school employees that have been convicted of crimes.